

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Human Services Act is amended  
5 by adding Section 1-40 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/1-40 new)

7 Sec. 1-40. Alcoholism and Substance Abuse; Mental Health;  
8 implementation plan.

9 (a) In this Section:

10 "DASA" means the Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse  
11 within the Department.

12 "DMH" means the Division of Mental Health within the  
13 Department.

14 (b) The Department shall develop a plan by July 1, 2011,  
15 for implementing the following actions. All of the following  
16 actions shall be implemented by January 1, 2012:

17 (1) Adoption by DASA of DMH's practice of licensing an  
18 agency for outpatient level I and level II.1 services  
19 rather than licensing each service location.

20 (2) Allowance and promotion by DASA of the ability to  
21 provide all outpatient level I and level II.1 clinical  
22 services in the least restrictive community setting  
23 available rather than at individually licensed facilities.

1           (3) Use of either American Society of Addiction  
2           Medicine (ASAM) Patient Placement Criteria or the Level of  
3           Care Utilization System (LOCUS), which is a single  
4           level-of-care placement tool for both mental health and  
5           substance abuse services and was designed for both  
6           substance abuse and mental health services.

7           (4) Except in the case of Assertive Community Treatment  
8           (ACT), elimination of the requirement that all mental  
9           health clients be re-registered and that the services they  
10          receive be re-authorized every 6 months if they have a  
11          diagnosis of serious mental illness.

12          (5) Posting on a website of a summary of the weekly DMH  
13          Collaborative phone calls.

14          (6) Development by DASA and DMH of uniform staff  
15          definitions and credential requirements for the delivery  
16          and billing of services.

17          (7) Elimination of the requirement for client  
18          signatures on treatment plans, to be replaced by  
19          documentation in the assessments and treatment plans that  
20          reflects the client's participation in setting his or her  
21          goals.

22          (8) For authorized Medicaid services to enrolled  
23          individuals, DASA and DMH providers shall receive payment  
24          for all such authorized services, with payment occurring no  
25          later than in the next fiscal year.

26          (9) Use of post-payment audits only to review whether

1 the services billed were properly documented in the client  
2 record, with elimination of the practice of using such  
3 audits to review individual records to determine whether  
4 all licensing requirements were met for individual  
5 clients, in recognition that organizations are already  
6 licensed and this process is redundant and extremely time  
7 consuming.

8 (10) Maximization by the Department of "deemed" status  
9 for organizations that are accredited by the Joint  
10 Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations or  
11 the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation  
12 Facilities and elimination of redundant reviews of the  
13 standards.

14 (11) Combination or consolidation of separate  
15 administrative licensing functions.

16 (12) Elimination of the Division of Mental Health  
17 regional offices to save significant State administrative  
18 costs that shall be used for needed community mental health  
19 services.

20 The plan shall include recommendations for necessary  
21 legislative action and changes in rules.

22 (c) The Department shall file the plan with the Governor  
23 and the General Assembly by July 1, 2011.

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law.